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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, due to horrible weather, I was unavoidably detained from votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181; YEA on Roll Call No. 182; and YEA on Roll Call No. 183.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. However, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181; YEA on Roll Call No. 182; and YEA on Roll Call No. 183.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 15, I was unavoidably detained due to weather conditions and was not present for Roll Call votes 181, 182, and 183. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yea on Roll Call 181, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 613, the Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act;

Yea on Roll Call 182, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4854, the Justice Served Act; and

Yea on Roll Call 183, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve.

KYLE MCCLELLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle McClelland for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kyle McClelland is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle McClelland is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kyle McClelland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DR. GOPAL
GUTTIKONDA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I celebrate and recognize the work of an exceptional citizen, Dr. Gopal Guttikonda, who dedicated himself to helping the residents of Central Texas by founding the Temple Community Clinic. His commitment to public service represents Texas values at their very best and he is a fitting recipient of Leadership Temple's prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award.

During his career, Dr. Guttikonda saw many hard-working Texans who did not have access to proper healthcare due to their ineligibility or lack of financial means. Seeking to ensure the healthcare was available for those in need, he made the selfless decision to create the Temple Community Clinic to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Central Texas.

What started as a 1,300-square foot space in the Jeff Hamilton Community Building grew substantially to what is now a world-class health resource for the underserved population in Central Texas. Elite physicians have volunteered their services to those who had no insurance or the financial means to afford treatment for themselves and their families. Dr. Guttikonda's dream of accessible healthcare has been impacting lives now for twenty-six amazing years.

Dr. Guttikonda's devotion to his community doesn't stop when his shift at the hospital ends. This married father of two, whose great work has been honored by his colleagues on numerous occasions, keeps busy with a variety of civic organizations that work to bring positive change to a variety of areas. His commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted public servant.

Dr. Gopal Guttikonda's vision, dedication, and commitment to the health of all has made a real and lasting difference in lives of Central Texans. I'm both proud and humbled by his achievements and wish him continued success in the future. I join his family, colleagues, and friends in saluting his tremendous work as he is richly honored with Leadership Temple's Distinguished Alumni Award.

HONORING ARNOLD A. PISKIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arnold A. Piskin who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. Piskin was stationed at Horsham St. Faith, England where he flew 36 missions over France and Germany as a pilot on the B-24J Liberator named 'Howling Banshee.' At the age of 20 he was the youngest member of his crew and flew combat missions in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) as part of the 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Division, 96th Bomb Wing, 458th Bomb Group, and 753rd Squadron. In addition, they flew one of the 10 original AZON aircraft straight from the United States. Mr. Piskin and his crew flew their final 4 missions were in support of the Battle of the Bulge on December 24-28, 1944.

During his 8 months in the European theater he received the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). In addition, he received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars for Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Germany, Ardennes.

After the war, Mr. Piskin took advantage of the GI bill and earned a BS in Physical Education from New York University (NYU) and later a MS in Social Work from Columbia University. He spent his professional life in Jewish communal work. This included servicing community centers, community organizations, children's camps and fundraising. While at NYU, he met his wife Hannah Korenthal who he has been married to for 68 years. They were blessed with 4 children—Brenda, Jay, Craig, Scott—and 7 grandchildren—Rachel, Adam, Jason, Tori, Todd, Cory, and Julie.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before the House today to pay tribute to Mr. Piskin and thank him for his tremendous service to our country. The freedom we all enjoy today was made possible by men like him.

HONORING DIANE STROMAN ON
THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to join TEAM, Inc. and the communities of Connecticut's Naugatuck Valley in extending my heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks to Diane Stroman as she celebrates her retirement after twenty-five years of dedicated service. To say that she will be missed by this organization as well as the many local service organizations who have benefitted from her time and energies, is an understatement. Diane's compassion, advocacy, and strength of spirit have changed countless lives and we are fortunate to have had her working on behalf of our communities and their most vulnerable residents.

Diane has dedicated a quarter-century to helping those most in need. In her leadership role at TEAM, Inc, an organization dedicated